

SLAUGHTERING NE-

GROES IN ARKANSAS.

Bloody Lynching Results From St. Charles Race Trouble-- Started Over a Trivial Matter.

Little Rock Ark., March 25.—A special to the Arkansas Gazette from DeWitt, Arkansas county, says: Five negroes who had been arrested as a result of race troubles at St. Charles, this county, were taken from the guards and shot to death. The victims were: Jim Smith, Charley Smith, Mack Baldwin, Abe Bailey, Garrett Flood.

This makes nine negroes that have been killed within the past week in the vicinity of St. Charles on account of the racial troubles. A few days ago a difficulty occurred over a trivial matter at St. Charles between a white man named Seary and two negroes named Henry and Walker Griffin.

On Monday last the two negroes met Seary and his brother in a store in St. Charles and the difficulty was renewed. One of the negroes, without warning, struck both of the Seary boys over the head with a table leg rendering them unconscious and fracturing their skulls, one of them to such an extent that he may die. Deputy Sheriff James Kirkpatrick attempted to arrest him and he too was knocked down.

The negroes then gathered and defied the officers, declaring that "no white man could arrest them."

Their demonstrations aroused the fears of the citizens of St. Charles and they telephoned to this place for a posse to come out and protect the town. P. A. Douglass, deputy sheriff, went out with a posse of several men to capture the Griffin negroes. The constable met three negroes—Randall Flood, Will Baldwin and Will Madison—in the road. He inquired of them if they knew where the Griffins were and one of them replied that they did but "would tell no white man" adding an oath. The negroes then attempted to draw their pistols but the posse fired, killing all three of them.

Yesterday 16 men left this place for the scene of the trouble. Large crowds gathered in from Roe, Ethel and Clarendon. During the day while the sheriff's posse was searching for the Griffin negroes, they were fired upon by a negro named Aaron Hinton, from ambush. Three of the posse were hit, but the shot used were small and no serious damage resulted. The posse returned the fire and the negro was shot down. Several other shots were fired into him killing him instantly.

Five other negroes, Jim Smith, Charles Smith, Mack Baldwin, Abe Bailey and Garrett Flood, who were the negroes that had defied the officers were arrested and last night a crowd of men took them away from the guards and shot them to death.

It is reported late this evening that the Griffin boys have been captured. If so it probably means that two more will be killed. Everything at St. Charles at this time is quiet, but the town is heavily guarded.

"BUFFALO BILL'S" DIVORCE SUIT.

Says His Wife Tried to Poison Him.

Denver, Col., March 23.—Col. Wm. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) made a deposition before a notary in this city today in the action for divorce which he has begun in Big Horn county, Wyoming.

"Mrs. Cody tried to poison me three years ago," the colonel testified. "She had frequently threatened to do it. We were visiting in Rochester, N. Y., during the holidays of 1900 and the day after Christmas I was ill. I supposed the turkey and plum pudding did not agree with me. She said she would fix me up. She pretended to give me medicine. It was poison. It almost finished me, for I was unconscious for some time. I think it must have been an overdose, for it made me vomit and I suppose this saved my life."

Col. Cody related many instances of his wife's having humiliated him at his "former home" in North Platte by her conduct toward his guests.

"She drove my friends away," he said. "When they were no longer welcome in the handsome residence I built and elaborately furnished, it was no longer my home."

The witness recited many specific instances of his wife's alleged discourtesy to his guests.

Mrs. Cody's counsel inquired into the character of the guests to whom she objected, and into their conduct while at her home. The purpose of the inquiry was to show that the men whom he brought to the house were a fast and riotous set and behaved in such a manner that she had a right to object to them.

Rowdy Georgia Republicans.

Atlanta, Ga., March 23.—After a turbulent session which lasted into the night the Georgia Republican convention adjourned, but not before passing resolutions calling on congress to punish those States which have passed laws resulting in the disfranchisement of the negro and side-tracking a resolution looking to putting out a State ticket.

A contingent of the Atlanta police played a part in the convention by ejecting one of the members who insisted on recognition when the chairman thought he ought not to have it. An effort made to provide for admission to the floor by tickets caused a wrangle which occupied the time of the convention for several hours after gathering together.

Richmond, Va., March 2.—The Sea-board Florida line was wrecked at Henderson, N. C., today, by running into an open switch, which is believed to have been intentionally misplaced. The sleeper El Oriental caught fire and was burned. Engineer C. W. Tucker, of Portsmouth, Va., had both legs broken by being caught in the wreck, having stuck to his post. Several other trainmen were hurt, but no passengers were injured.

CORRUPT JUDGE:

SWAYNE IMPEACHED.

The Carpet Bagger Florida Judge Arraigned Before Congress-- Damaging Charges Made.

Washington, March 25.—Resolved, That Charles Swayne, judge of the district court of the United States in and for the northern district of Florida, be impeached for high misdemeanor.

This is the recommendation of the house committee on the judiciary to the house, in a report of the committee filed today by Representative Palmer of Pennsylvania, chairman of the sub-committee which investigated the case against Judge Swayne. After discussing the charges in detail against Judge Swayne and giving the findings in each case, the report concludes as follows:

"Upon the whole case it is plain that Judge Swayne has forfeited the respect and confidence of the bar of his court, and of the people of his district, who do business there. He has so conducted himself as to earn the reputation of being susceptible to the malign influence of a man of notoriously bad character. He has shown himself to be harsh, tyrannical and oppressive, unmindful of the common rule of a just and upright judge. He has continuously and persistently violated the plain words of a statute of the United States and subjected himself to punishment for the commission of a high misdemeanor. He has, fined and imprisoned members of the bar for a constructive contempt without the authority of law and without a decent show of reason either through inexcusable ignorance, a malicious intent to injure, or a wanton disposition to exercise arbitrary power. He has been condemned to a term of imprisonment in the county jail, a reputable citizen of the State of Florida over whom he had no jurisdiction, who was guilty of no thought of a contempt of his court, for no offense against him or in the presence of the court, or in obstruction of any order, rule, command or decree. And after the accused had purged himself on oath.

"For all these reasons, Charles Swayne has been guilty of misbehavior in his office of judge, and grossly violated the condition upon which he held this honorable appointment. The honor of the judiciary, the orderly and decent administration of public justice and the welfare of the people of the United States demand his impeachment and removal from the high place which his conduct has degraded."

As to the charge that Judge Swayne is a non-resident of his district, the report concludes:

"From the testimony in the case your committee find that Judge Swayne has never acquired a legal residence in the northern district of Florida, nor has he actually resided there, as required by the act of congress."

For Niagara Ship Canal.

Washington, D. C., March 24.—At the hearing before the Rivers and Harbors Committee tomorrow relative to the proposed Niagara Ship Canal, the commerce of the Great Lakes will be represented by one of the strongest delegations ever sent to Washington. The project has the support of J. J. Hill of the Great Northern, of the Lake Carriers' association, and the chambers of commerce and other trade organizations of Minneapolis, Duluth, Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo and other cities whose interests would be benefited by the construction of the proposed ship canal around Niagara and the completion of the 1,000-ton barge canal from Buffalo to the seaboard. All of the various interests are expected to be represented at tomorrow's hearing and if the project does not receive a decided boost before the House committee it will not be because of lack of effort on the part of its advocates.

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THE COTTON GINNERS CENSUS.

The Final Cotton Report for 1903. Comparison With Preceding Year.

Washington, March 26.—The final report of the census bureau on cotton ginning, showing the total cotton production for 1903, gives the following:

Number of commercial bales, including linters, 10,399,558, against 11,275,105 for 1902.

The following table distributes the crop, exclusive of linters, in the United States: 10,205,073 commercial bales; 9,359,472 square bales; 770,208 round bales; 75,393 sea island bales.

The total crop reduced to a common basis as to size of bales is an equivalent of 9,851,129 500-pound bales as against 10,630,945 500-pound bales in 1902.

The number of bales, counting round and half bales, including linters, was 10,014,454, against 10,784,473; the equivalent bales of a 500 pound standard, including linters, were 10,045,610, against 10,287,168 in 1902.

The square bales, upland crop, reported from ginneries which aggregated 9,359,472, shows a decrease of 633,193 from 1902; the round bales, upland crop, reported from ginneries were 770,208, a decrease of 211,056; the bales of sea island cotton reported from ginneries were 75,393, a decrease of 29,560; and the bales of linters reported from cotton seed oil mills were 194,485, a decrease of 1,738.

These statistics were collected through a canvass of the individual ginneries of the cotton States by 631 local agents, who found that 30,218 ginneries had been operated for the crop of 1903, compared with 30,948 for 1902.

In the final canvass for this crop where ginneries had not finished ginning they were requested to prepare careful estimates of the quantity of cotton which remained to be ginned at their establishments. Their estimates, amounting to 75,401 commercial bales, have been included in the totals of the above table.

The distribution of the crop, exclusive of the linters, by States and territories, giving the total commercial bales, follows:

Alabama, 1,023,959; Arkansas, 741,296; Florida, 58,572; Georgia, 1,329,278; Indian Territory, 312,776; Kansas, 75; Kentucky, 644; Louisiana, 858,568; Mississippi, 1,439,296; Missouri, 39,283; North Carolina, 555,330; Oklahoma, 204,957; South Carolina, 814,351; Tennessee, 250,437; Texas, 2,562,632; Virginia, 13,681.

The complete annual report on cotton ginning will be published about May 1.

Tuskegee, Ala., March 24.—Ralph Armstrong, under sentence of death for the murder of his cousin, Miss Alice Armstrong, committed suicide in his cell here today. He killed the young woman because she refused to marry him. Armstrong was a son of the late Col. H. Clay Armstrong, consul to Rio Janeiro under President Cleveland, and was a member of one of the most prominent families in the State.

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PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Army Officer Jumped From Car Window.

Galveston, March 24.—Lieut. Barton Gardner, U. S. A., on furlough from his company in Arizona and a passenger on an eastbound Southern Pacific train going to visit his mother in Massachusetts met with a peculiar accident yesterday.

As the train was nearing the depot in Platonita he was seated in a chair car asleep. He awoke as the brakeman called out the name of the station, jumped from the window and fell under the cars. Both legs were cut off. Immediate attention was given him and he is resting well.

Gardner said when he heard the brakeman announce the station he dreamed his captain had commanded a charge and it was this which caused the accident.

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Vera Cruz, March 24.—A Frenchman, arriving on the steamer Manuel Calvo, from Havana, has been arrested at the request of the Cuban consul. He is charged with the theft of \$23,000 in Havana. Extradition documents are expected to arrive soon.

Washington, March 24.—Brainerd M. Dobson, from Yorkville, S. C., has just passed successfully an examination for assistant paymaster in the navy. He is a protégé of Senator Tillman. Out of fourteen who appeared for examination before the board Dobson stood first, making a splendid average and entitling him to rank above all the others.

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" 53 Greenville and Columbia to Charleston, " 6 15 pm
" 32 Augusta to Florence, " 6 30 pm
" 56 Sumter to Gibson, " 6 50 pm
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6 10 am	8 15 pm Ar	Atlanta	Lv		11 45 pm
11 45 am	5 33 am Ar	Birmingham	Lv		4 10 pm
8 30 pm	11 10 am Ar	New Orleans	Lv		9 20 am
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